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SUBJ: SC DEBATE ON ME: VIEWS OF SOVIET MINISTER

SUMMARY: SOV MINISTER STATED THEY HAVE NO INFO ON EGYPTIAN OBJECTIVES IN SC DEBATE. HE AGREEE RES 242 MUST NOT BE UNDERMINED IN ANY WAY AND STRESSED DESIRABILITY OF REACTIVATING JARRING BUT SAID HE DID NOT KNOW HOW THIS COULD BE DONE. SOVS, HE SAID, ARE OPPOSED AT THIS TIME TO SC COMMITTEE OR GROUP WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE THEM. END SUMMARY.

1. AT SOCIAL FUNCTION EVENING MAY 24, SOV MINISTER OVINNIKOV JOINED UK MISOFF AND MISOFF NAAS AND IMMEDIATELY RAISED UPCOMING ME DEBATE. HE STATED THAT HIS VIEWS WERE " PERSONAL" BUT EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN US THAT OVINNIKOV USUALLY AVOIDS COMMENT UNLESS HE HAS INSTRUCTIONS.

2. HIS GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, WAS TO DATE TOTALLY UNINFORMED ABOUT EGYPTIAN INTENTIONS IN SC AND HE SHOWED SOME IRRITATION
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AND EXASPERATION OVER THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS. HE AGREED FULLY AND STRONGLY WITH MISOFF' S COMMENTS RE INVIOABILITY OF RES 242 AND COMMENTED " WE COULD NEVER GET AGREEMENT ON REPLACEMENT. 242 HAS WEAKNESSES BUT IS BEST WE CAN DO." HE STATED THAT BEST

OUTCOME WOULD BE REAFFIRMATION OF 242 AND REACTIVATION OF JARRING. BUT, HE SAID, HE WAS VERY DOUBTFUL THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED DUE TO ISRAELI POSITION ON JARRING AIDE- MEMOIRE AND GA RES. HE APPEARED INTERESTED IN BRITISH IDEA THAT PERHAPS RESUMPTION OF JARRING COULD BE TIED TO LATEST SYG REPORT IN ATTEMPT TO FINESSE ISRAELI OBJECTIONS. (WE HAVE LEARNED SINCE THAT HE RAISED THIS POSSIBILITY WITH FRENCH IN INFORMAL CHAT MAY 25.)

3. JARRING MUST HAVE SOME SUPPORT, HE CONTINUED. HE WONDERED WHETHER SC COMMITTEE OF WHOLE MIGHT DO THE TRICK. MISOFF DEMURRED. WHEN THE IDEA OF NAMIBIA- LIKE COMMITTEE WAS RAISED, OVINNIKOV SCOFFED AT IDEA AND NOTED COMMITTEE OF NON- ALIGNED NON- PERMS " WOULD HAVE NO WEIGHT" AND WOULD BE " GROUP OF ACADEMICIANS". JARRING WORKED BEST, HE ADDED, WHEN 4- POWER TALKS WERE BEING HELD. MISOFF INTERJECTED THAT US POSITION WAS WELL KNOWN; SUCH FORUM WAS DEAD LETTER. MISOFF ASKED BLUNTLY WHETHER SOVS WERE OPPOSED TO ANY COMMITTEE WHICH DID NOT INCLUDE THEM AND OVINNIKOV REPLIED, " AT PRESENT, YES."

4. LATER IN CONVERSATION HE INDICATED ACUTE SENSITIVITY THAT ME DEBATE NOT AFFECT ATMOSPHERE OF NIXON- BREZHNEV TALKS.

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